



# MCC<sup>®</sup>

METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**  
**16th Pentecost**

## **Sing Praises To God**



930 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102  
610-709-8800 ♦ [info@mccclv.org](mailto:info@mccclv.org) ♦ [www.mccclv.org](http://www.mccclv.org)

**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

## **MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE**

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

**Opening Song**

**Call to Worship**

**Invitation to Ministry**

**A Time of Praise (3 Songs)**

**Prayer Preparation Song**

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

**Children's Blessing**

**Message**

**Song of Response**

**Offering**

**Offering Song**

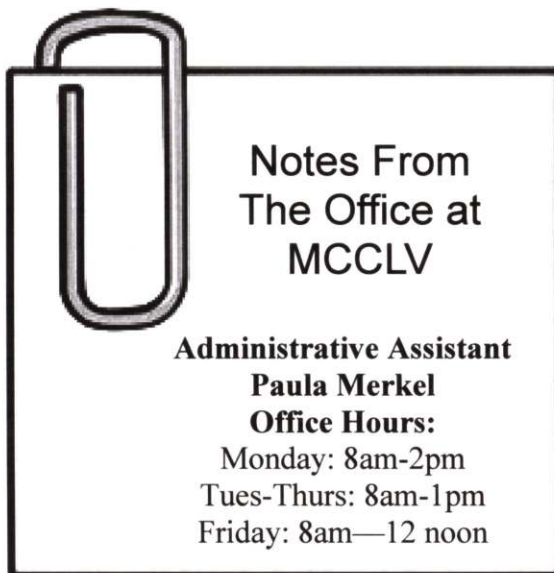
**Communion**

**Communion Song**

**Prayer Over Gifts**

**Closing Song**

**Commission & Blessing**



### **Sunday Bulletin & Announcements**

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is  
**Wednesday at noon** – email to [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org)

**Space Reservation:** Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org) more information.

**Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering!** Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org) for more information.

**Audio-Visual Support:** Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to email [avteam@mcclv.org](mailto:avteam@mcclv.org) at least 2 weeks** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.



### **MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!**

To view and subscribe to our channel go to  
**[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)** and search **MCC LV**.



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8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**TRICKY  
TRAY**  
BASKETRAFFLE

**TAILGATE  
PARTY**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 8, 2014**

**Doors Open Drawing Begins  
at 9 AM at 12 NOON**

**American Club  
of Coplay Pavilion  
300 Cherry Street  
Coplay, PA 18037**

**TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 (non-refundable)  
Includes Tailgate Party Luncheon**

**To pre-purchase tickets (space is limited)  
Email: [TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com](mailto:TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com)  
or see a Tricky Tray Committee Member**

**Personal checks at the door require photo ID  
MasterCard and VISA accepted day of event**

**Over 100  
Fabulous Prizes to Win!**  
**Flat Screen LCD/HDTV  
Lenovo Laptop  
Microsoft Surface  
eReader  
Dyson Vacuum  
Keurig Coffee Maker  
Blue Ray Player  
Children's Electronics  
Coach Purse  
Cookware  
Lottery Ticket Trees**

**PLUS  
Fantastic Gift Cards!  
Cash Prizes!  
Door Prizes!**

All proceeds raised will benefit the Communities and Missions served by:  
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## **TRICKY TRAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IT PAYS TO VOLUNTEER!**

The Tricky Tray Committee needs volunteers to help before and on the day of the event. Volunteers are needed on **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** to transport baskets and set up the event space. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** to sell raffle tickets for each prize category and to assist with prize running during the drawing portion of the day.

Lastly, we need volunteers to canvas the Lehigh Valley with posters for the event (local businesses, supermarkets, daycares, etc. please get the store owner/management's permission before posting a sign).

Those volunteering during the event on the 8<sup>th</sup> will receive \$26 in perks and our eternal gratitude!

Day-of-Event Volunteers get: reduced priced \$20 admission ticket and lunch (value \$5), 5 Purple tickets (value \$5), 3 Orange tickets (value \$9) and 1 Yellow ticket (value \$7) for a total value of \$26.

Please contact Jenn LaTorre at [jaroux2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jaroux2002@yahoo.com) or see her following worship to sign up. Thank you!

## **TRICKY TRAY CORPORATE DONATIONS AND POSTERS**

Please help the Tricky Tray Committee by taking corporate donation letters to all the businesses you frequent (hairdresser, bank, restaurants/bars, real estate agent, mechanic, florist, accountant, lawyer, etc.) and personally asking them to support MCCLV by either donating an item, service, or gift certificate for inclusion in a basket OR placing an ad in the event program booklet. Donation letters are available following service. The letter includes the sizes and costs for placing advertisements in the program.

See Sue Carpenter or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee for letters or posters.

## **TRICKY TRAY TICKETS ON SALE BEGINNING SUNDAY, 9/21!!!!**

Come out and have a fun time while hopefully winning a great prize! Invite your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers! The venue can accommodate 25 tables which is 200 people. The committee welcomes the problem of "overselling" the house!

Questions or to buy tickets, please see Wendy Bitterman or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee following worship.





### FORGE West Leaders:

Scott George [smgmccclv@gmail.com](mailto:smgmccclv@gmail.com)

Ron Smith [rsmith.mccclv@gmail.com](mailto:rsmith.mccclv@gmail.com)



### FORGE East Leaders:

Barb Baus

[babaus@hotmail.com](mailto:babaus@hotmail.com)

Lauren Sheldon

[laurenesheldon@gmail.com](mailto:laurenesheldon@gmail.com)



### FORGE South Leaders:

Loreli Bauer [lorelibauer@aol.com](mailto:lorelibauer@aol.com)

Elaine Ely [pastor\\_elaine@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor_elaine@yahoo.com)



**FORGE** A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

\*\*\*Contact group leaders to learn more \*\*\*



## Stewardship Team Meets 4th Sunday of Month

### Meets today after service!



MCCLV's Stewardship Team meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Come to these great gatherings and help plan things like the church's annual pledge drive. All are welcome to participate.



Contact Jim Harbst at  
**[jim.harbst@icloud.com](mailto:jim.harbst@icloud.com)** or  
Lauren Sheldon at  
**[laurenesheldon@gmail.com](mailto:laurenesheldon@gmail.com)**

### MCCLV's Prayer Team



*If you have an urgent prayer request, please email the Prayer Team at **[prayer.team@mcclv.org](mailto:prayer.team@mcclv.org)**. Your prayer need will go out to over 70 people who are on MCCLV's Prayer Team. Also, if you'd like to be on this dedicated team, please let MCCLV know by emailing the Prayer*

### **MCCLV is collecting donations for food cards**

**2nd Sunday of the month**  
after the worship service.  
Consider purchasing a gift card  
from **Giant, Redners or Weis** or  
making a donation to help those  
in great need of reducing their grocery store bills.



**Early Morning Prayer -- Every Sunday at 8:00 AM --**  
**MCCLV's Prayer Room**

**Prayer Develops Our Relationship with God.**



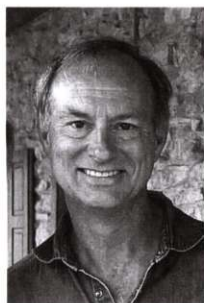
If we never speak to our friends or never listen to anything they might have to say to us, our relationships will quickly deteriorate. It is the same way with God. Prayer - communicating with God helps us grow closer and more intimately connected with God.

**Zechariah 13:9**

*I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure, just as gold and silver are refined and purified by fire. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'* (NLT)

**Congregational Care**

Are you in need of care -- a sister or brother in Christ to pray with you, visit you in the hospital or your home, listen to your spiritual needs? MCCLV is here to help you through life's challenges. Please contact Karl Steiner at [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org).



**\*\*\*\*More Tricky Tray Needs\*\*\*\***  
**CALLING ALL BASKET WRAPPERS**



The Tricky Tray Committee has set two dates for basket wrapping in preparation for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Tricky Tray event. If you can help with this project, it would be greatly appreciated. The dates are:  
**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> following worship (pizza lunch) from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm and**  
**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon (donuts and coffee).** All supplies will be provided.

Questions, see Sue Carpenter.



\*\*\***FOOD PANTRY**\*\*\*



**TODAY** we will be reopening as part of the Second Harvest network of Food Banks. We will be open on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm and will be distributing food in the library.



Please think about volunteering one Sunday a month or once every couple of months. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions,

please contact:  
Saadia Negron at  
[saadia.negron@yahoo.com](mailto:saadia.negron@yahoo.com)

Judy McNally at  
[njm0@Lehigh.edu](mailto:njm0@Lehigh.edu).

## Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her



sabbatical months August -September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, contact [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org). Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, email the Pastor.

## September is "Special Welcome Month" at MCCLV

All are encouraged to bring a friend to Church so they too may experience the energy of MCCLV's worship and the fellowship of our radically inclusive Christian community in the Lehigh Valley.



### MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

## WELD at MCCLV!

Interesting in making a membership commitment with Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley? Participants in MCCLV's WELD church membership process become more closely welded to God and to one



another. WELD is a four-part series that is required for new members and is open to anyone wanting more information about the church. There will be an **informational session on Sunday, October 5, 2014** following Sunday morning worship. **WELD classes take place on October 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00pm** Experience connection with God and brothers and sisters in Christ through MCCLV's WELD.

For more information see Emma Marrero or e-mail her at [autleaves@aol.com](mailto:autleaves@aol.com)

## Word Alive Ministry

WORD ALIVE (formerly, the Worship Arts Ministry) will be meeting on **today at 12:15pm** for those who are currently involved and those who are interested in becoming a part of this creative ministry of bringing the Scriptures to life.



If you are interested, please contact Dean Hiatt in person or at [dean.hiatt@mcclv.org](mailto:dean.hiatt@mcclv.org).

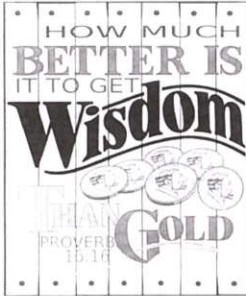
# MCCLV Members Aim For 10%!

### Weekly Pledge Guidelines

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$37</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$40</b>

## **Want to Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge?**

*Make a six night commitment this coming Autumn that will transform your life! Join in a six-part Adult Bible Study, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Get an in-depth look at six important New Testament letters and be forever changed!*



**October 15:** Galatians

**October 22:** Ephesians

**October 29:** Philippians

**November 5:** Colossians

**November 12:** 1 Thessalonians

**November 19:** 2 Thessalonians

### **"Extraordinary Friends" Sunday School Class Forming**

A new spiritual growth opportunity will be offered to young adults in need of a more concrete approach to learning about God's Word and God's role in their lives.

Programming will consist of two areas for growth. The first will be learning how we experience God's love for us and how we live a life dedicated to God. The second area will focus on being good stewards of God's earth by taking responsibility for the "Green Team" at MCCLV.



**Classes will meet at 9am every Sunday**  
Questions or to join this group, please see Barb Baus or Sue Carpenter.



## **Coverages During Pastor's Sabbatical**

MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy is on Sabbatical during the months of August & September, 2014 (and January, 2015).



Below is a listing of coverages:

### **Serving as Ministry Coordinator Meetings Facilitator:**

Brian Jones ([brian.jones@mcclv.org](mailto:brian.jones@mcclv.org))

### **Serving as Board Moderator:**

Emma Marrero ([autleaves@aol.com](mailto:autleaves@aol.com))

### **Serving as Church-Share Point Person:**

Emma Marrero ([autleaves@aol.com](mailto:autleaves@aol.com))

### **Serving as Staff Meeting Facilitator:**

Brian Jones ([brian.jones@mcclv.org](mailto:brian.jones@mcclv.org))

### **Serving as Preachers:**

Rev. Jen Glass, Randy D'Angelo, Robert Schotter

### **Serving as Main Worship Leader:**

Karl Steiner ([karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org))

### **Serving as Care Coordinator**

(hospitalizations, home visits, etc.): Karl Steiner  
([karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org))

### **Serving as Weddings & Funerals Officiant:**

Rev. Elaine Ely ([pastor\\_elaine@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor_elaine@yahoo.com))

### **Serving as Bulletin Editor:**

Lauren Sheldon ([laurenesheldon@gmail.com](mailto:laurenesheldon@gmail.com))

### **Serving as e-Listserve Editor:**

Barb Colvin ([bjc7500@yahoo.com](mailto:bjc7500@yahoo.com))

# **MCCLV's Annual Free Market**



**Free Fruits and Vegetables**

**Today  
1:00pm—2:00pm  
(While Supplies Last)**

**This event is an outreach  
to MCCLV's Neighbors and  
Surrounding Community**

**Contact Barb Baus @ [barb.baus@mcclv.org](mailto:barb.baus@mcclv.org)  
to donate, volunteer or for more info.**



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Valley  
930 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, First Floor, Allentown, PA  
18102**

Hold fast to love and justice  
(Hosea 12:6)

## Are you in need of individual prayer?



MCCLV's Prayer Room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you.

You may also email Loreli:  
[lorelibauer@aol.com](mailto:lorelibauer@aol.com)

## Spiritual Drum Circle: Six Sunday Series

**Six Sundays:**  
**Oct 12 & 26; Nov 9 & 30;**  
**Dec 14 & 18**



Meeting in the MCCLV's Sanctuary from 1:30-2:30pm. Join us for a relaxed, fun exploration of spirit through group drumming hosted by Raea. Nurture the connection between you and Spirit, others and your higher self. But be warned: exposure to drumming may cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness,

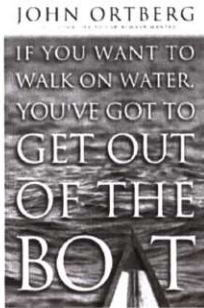
energy, creativity, awareness and spontaneous healing!

No experience is necessary. If you have a drum or percussion instrument, please bring it. Some instruments will be available to share. Have questions? Join us at an informational session on **Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 12:15** or contact Barb at [barb.baus@mcclv.org](mailto:barb.baus@mcclv.org)

## Adult Spiritual Formation

Continuing until October 19, 2014, Karl Steiner will present a study of John Ortberg's book

### ***If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.***



*"Far too many of us have put our faith in a casual Christianity that never compels us to leave our comfort zones. But, deep within our hearts we know that Christ has not called us to comfort, but to an exciting, sacrificial and overwhelmingly fulfilling faith. In this book, John Ortberg teaches us how*

*to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity so we can faithfully follow the Lord who is calling us out onto the risky, exciting waters of the high seas."*

Participants are encouraged to purchase the book on Amazon for \$9.68 or the electronic version for \$9.20. Pre-reading is not essential, but you will get more out of the study if you get the book and read ahead.

## **OCTOBER FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING CHANGE**

There will not be a meeting of the Fundraising Committee on Sunday, October 5, 2014. The next meeting of this Committee will be on **Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 12:15 pm.**







## **UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV**

### **17th Pentecost: October 5, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Harvest Gratitude"**

### **18th Pentecost: October 12, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Harvest Reconciliation"**

### **19th Pentecost: October 19, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Harvest Generosity"**

### **20th Pentecost: October 26, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Readings Matthew 22:34-40 & Exodus 22:21-27

Preaching: Robert Schotter

Sermon Title: **"Finding God's Love in the Face  
of the Stranger"**

### **All Saints: November 2, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Readings: 1 John 3:1-3 & Revelation 7:9-17

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Around The Throne"**

### **22nd Pentecost: November 9, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 42

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Savoring the Psalms I"**

## **Today's Scripture Reading:**

### **Psalm 100:**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Worship God with gladness;

come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is God that made us, and we are God's;

we are God's people, and the sheep of God's  
pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For God is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

## **MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
9/21/2014	71	\$2,189.39
9/14/2014	84	\$1,256.51
9/07/2014	80	\$2,491.18
8/31/2014	72	\$2,292.55

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

### **MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

#### **Congregational Care & Health:**

**Karl Steiner | [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org)**

20s30s Young Men's Group, G.I.F.T. Young Women's Group, MCCLV Retirees, HIV Support, Drumming Circle, Fellowship, Visitor Team, Prayer Team, Reconciliation & Affirmation, Grief Counseling & Deacon Care

#### **Spiritual Formation:**

**See Rev. Goudy for more information**

FORGE Groups, Adult Spiritual Formation and Children & Youth Spiritual Formation

#### **Outreach & Justice:**

**Barb Baus | [barb.baus@mcclv.org](mailto:barb.baus@mcclv.org)**

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and Helping Hands Ministry

#### **Media & Marketing:**

**See Rev. Goudy for more information**

Communications and Marketing Ministry

#### **Denominational Representatives:**

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

### **MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,  
Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda  
see any Board Member**

### **MCCLV DEACONS**

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby,  
Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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**Music and Worship Director:** Brian Jones | [brian.jones@mcclv.org](mailto:brian.jones@mcclv.org)

**Administrative Assistant:** Paula Merkel | [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org)